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Dear Wyoming Families,

We hope everyone enjoys the upcoming long weekend as we observe President's Day with no school on Monday, February 17th. Next week at WHS there will be many exciting activities as we enjoy a spirit week brought to us by ACES (Advancing Cultural Equality and Success). The calendar below includes different spirit themes for each day leading up to our assembly on Thursday, February 20th.

Additionally, students will enter their course requests for 2025-2026 during FLEX on Tuesday, February 18th. As you continue reviewing course offerings with your student this weekend here's a link to the [Wyoming High School - Scheduling Information for 2025-2026](#). We hope this information is helpful as you work to support your student. Please reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to support you and your student as you consider which courses to select. Thank you and we wish everyone an enjoyable extended weekend!

Pupil Services News & Updates:

As demonstrated in our core values and strategic plan, Wyoming is committed to educating the "whole child", that is, to teach academic and life skills that prepare students for college, career, and beyond. These life skills include *working through adversity, being a critical thinker, accepting responsibility for one's own actions, and getting along with others.*

In March and April, Wyoming City Schools will administer to students in kindergarten through grade 12 our developmentally-appropriate resiliency screener, called Terrace Metrics. Resiliency means that an individual has personal strengths that allow them to overcome or work through adversity. Resiliency is a key factor in positive school and learning experiences. Therefore, high resiliency contributes to better academic performance.

What Should I Know as a Parent/Guardian about the Terrace Metrics Screener?

- Only students who have parent permission will participate. If you do not wish to have your student participate in the Terrace Metrics Screener, please complete this [form](#). The form must

be completed by February 25, 2025. If you previously opted your child out, they will be opted out again this administration unless you notify the school you want your child to participate.

- Only designated members of our school team (e.g., counselors, administrators) will have access to your child's individual report.
- The assessment is not a diagnostic tool, and no information will be placed into your child's education file. The purpose of this system is to inform us of how each student is functioning within specific resiliency indicators.
- This screener is administered electronically to students and takes an average of 15 to 20 minutes to complete.
- You can view the screener items by contacting the director of pupil services, Dr. Tracy Wurtzler at wurtzler@wyomingcityschools.org or 513.207.7022 by February 25, 2025.

Between March 3rd and April 11th, your child will have the opportunity to participate in the winter administration of the Terrace Metrics screener. The following indicators will be assessed at the middle and high school levels:

- Global Life Satisfaction: Overall assessment of feelings and attitudes about one's life at a particular point in time, ranging from negative to positive.
- Positive School Experiences: Assessment of a student's experiences with their learning, as well as their overall interactions with school personnel.
- Social Ostracism: Items reflect the degree of perceived social isolation. The scale measures two forms of ostracism: ignoring (paying no attention to the student) or excluding (acknowledging the student but choosing not to interact with them).
- Grit: Assesses the level of commitment (and tenacity) to achieve a long-term goal.
- Generalized Anxiety: 7 item, self-reported questionnaire for screening and severity of general forms anxiety (not tied to any one source).
- Hope: Assesses goal-directed thinking in which the student has the perceived capacity to find routes to goals (pathways thinking), and the motivation to use those routes (agency thinking).
- Resiliency (not grade 5): This scale assesses the degree to which individuals possessed both the intrapersonal and interpersonal resources needed to overcome adversity.
- Leadership (not grade 5): This scale assesses students' perceptions of their ability to influence others.
- Personal Standards (not grade 5): This scale assesses the expectations that a student has about their personal abilities.
- Self-Criticism: This scale assesses difficulties accepting mistakes and overly focusing on one's perceived faults.

School counselors and administrators will analyze the results very carefully and will provide school-based interventions for students, as necessary. You may be contacted by the school's counselor or administrator if your child's overall scores are significantly below expected measures as compared to peers nationally.

District Update:

[Click here for more Events and Information from around WCS & the community](#), including:

- Finance Friday
- Kindergarten Registration Info
- Erin's Law Implementation
- Upcoming Events
- WSMA Winter Music Fest on Feb. 22

Below you will find important dates and information for the future:

Monday, February 17- February 21, 2025

<u>Upcoming Weekly Events:</u>	
2/17/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
2/18/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flex Bell Schedule• Students enter course requests for 2025-2026 (during Flex)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Signed Optioning Sheets◦ Completed Scheduling Forms (Course Overrides & P.E. Waivers) DUE• <i>Dress like your favorite artist</i>
2/19/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Bell Schedule• <i>Throwback/90s</i>
2/20/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flex Bell Schedule• Black History Month Student Assembly (during Flex)• <i>Blackout</i>
2/21/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Bell Schedule• <i>Teachers & Students swap (teachers dress like students/students dress like teachers)</i>
Quick Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACT Testing - Tuesday, February 25th

Health and Wellness:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With cold and flu season upon us, it's a good time to review Wyoming School District's illness policy to help maintain a safe and healthy school environment.

If your child has been ill with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, please keep them home for at least **24 hours after their last fever or gastrointestinal symptoms**. Your child must be fever-free for **at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications** such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin). This allows them time to fully recover and return to school ready for a productive day.

The **24-hour rule also applies to antibiotic treatment**. If your child has been prescribed antibiotics for conditions such as strep throat or conjunctivitis ("pink eye"), they must remain home for **at least 24 hours after their first dose** before returning to school.

Your cooperation is essential in keeping our school community healthy. Thank you for your support in helping us create a safe learning environment for all students.

Sincerely,

Wyoming School District Health Services

Blood Drive Information/Permission:

Dear parent/guardian:

High school students throughout the area have been sharing the "gift of life" through organized blood drives for more than 20 years, in fact more than 13 percent of the total yearly blood collections by Hoxworth come from high school drives. It is one of the many ways that students learn the value of community service.

In conjunction with the Hoxworth Blood Center, Wyoming High School is hosting a blood drive on **Friday, February 28th, 2025**. Volunteer blood donors, like your child, will help meet the needs of patients in area hospitals. Many students have signed up to participate by giving blood on this day. Please speak with your child about this opportunity and if they have signed up or are considering donating. They can sign up through this link: hoxworth.org/groups/cowboys

According to state law, blood donors must be at least 17 years old, or 16 years old with parental consent (consent forms must be obtained from Mrs. Marsh in room 210), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health to donate. To ensure their safety and the safety of the patients, a thorough and confidential pre-screening will be performed by Hoxworth staff on each donor prior to donation. It is important to **eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids** within four hours prior to donating blood, so please encourage your child to do so on the day of the blood drive.

For students participating in an athletic event or a long distance run later that day, we recommend that they do **not** give blood at this time. We encourage them to visit a Hoxworth Center in the area (<http://hoxworth.org> or (513) 451-0910 to schedule) and tell them that it is part of the WHS donation.

Your support is greatly appreciated. **If you have any questions, concerns, or would prefer that your child does not give blood, please Christin Marsh at marshc@wyomingcityschoolsorg.**

Counselor's Update:

COLLEGE COUNSELING/TESTING

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SENIORS: Seniors do not have school on February 25th so that is the perfect opportunity to complete these scholarship applications!

ALL Seniors

Due March 5th: [*Wyoming High School Impact Scholarship Application*](#)

Minority Students

Due March 15th: [*Wyoming Community in Action Scholarship Application*](#)

Student-Athletes

Due March 21st: [*Wyoming Athletic Boosters Scholarship Application*](#)

TESTING

State/District ACT and PreACT Testing will be on February 25th. Students in grades 9-11 will report to school from 8-11:45 AM. Seniors will not report to school on this day.

Please see descriptions below for more information and check our live [Digital PreACT/ACT Flyer](#) for announcements and up to date information.

- **9th Grade** - YouScience, Wellness and Minute Meetings with Counselors (must bring school Chromebook). Students will be dismissed at 11:45 A.M.
- **10th Grade** - Digital PreACT (must bring school Chromebook) Students will be dismissed at 11:45 A.M.
- **11th Grade** - State/District ACT. Students will be dismissed at 11:45 A.M.
- **12th Grade** - Ed-Option(college visit, job shadow, volunteer opportunity) experience.
- [2025 State/District ACT Additional Information](#)
- [2025 Digital PreACT for Sophomores Additional Information](#)

SCHOOL COUNSELING



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Scheduling for the 25-26 school year:

- Below are the links your family will need to access to help your student schedule

for the 25-26 school year.

- [School Counseling Homepage](#)
 -  [25-26 College Credit Plus HUB](#)
 -  [25-26 Credit Flex WyoHS](#)
- Students received their Optioning Sheet on Thursday, February 6th with their teacher core course recommendations. Students who were absent should see their FLEX teacher for their Sheet.
 - **Students must have their complete optioning forms with them in FLEX on February 18th.** They will be completing a Google Form that is a critical step in the scheduling process.
 - Beginning at the end of February, school counselors will be seeing students for individual scheduling meetings during their English class. Changes to requests can still be made at these meetings.
 - On Friday March 7, 2025, all override forms are due.
 - Several deadlines fall on Tuesday April 1, 2025
 - Deadline to sign the [CCP Intent Form](#)
 - Deadline to sign up for [Online Learning Credit Flex classes](#)

CCP Students:

- Be sure to communicate any changes in your CCP schedule to your school counselor immediately.

Be sure to check out the [school's clubs and activities page](#) for more information about getting connected.

Senior yearbook ads:

Show your pride and love for your graduating senior with a personalized ad in this year's yearbook! Senior ads are a wonderful way to celebrate their achievements, share cherished memories, and leave them a special message they'll treasure forever. Don't miss out on this opportunity—space is limited, and the deadline to purchase one is March 14th. For more details and to reserve your spot, visit yearbookforever.com. Let's make this yearbook unforgettable!

Senior Portraits with Prestige:

The deadline for senior portraits has been extended by 2 weeks. Seniors have until February 17th to get their portrait taken. Please reach out to Prestige to set up your appointments. Contact Tom Reynolds with any questions tom.reynolds@lifetouch.com.

The information below this line is older information from past updates but is still relevant.

Yearbook:

Attention friends and families of Wyoming High School! You can now purchase your 2024/2025 yearbook at yearbookforever.com. Simply visit the website, follow the prompts, place your orders, and your yearbook will be shipped directly to your home. Don't miss out on this opportunity to preserve this year's memories! Order today while supplies last.

Didn't get a chance to purchase last year's yearbook? Or do you want an extra copy? We have extra yearbooks for sale! Yearbooks for the 2023/2024 year are \$65, and a check must be made out to Wyoming High School Yearbook Club. Please see Mr. Walters in room 502, or email waltersc@wyomingcityschools.org if you would like one. We are selling them until we are out!

Attendance:

It would be helpful if students/guardians could **provide notice prior to dismissal**, so that classrooms are not interrupted and also so students can have dismissal slips prior to leaving and ready to sign out when parents pick up students.

The preferred methods are either to call the attendance line at 513-206-7062 or email information to whsattendance@wyomingcityschools.org.

To report a student absence, a parent or guardian should send the dates and reason for the absence to whsattendance@wyomingcityschools.org or call 513-206-7062. More information about attendance procedures and much more can be found in the [2024-2025 Wyoming High School Student and Parent Handbook](#).

Assessment Calendar:

Here is a link to our [district assessment calendar](#) for the 2024-2025 school year.

Student Attendance and the 2024-2025 School Calendar:

To help families stay organized when planning events, included below is a link to the school calendar so you know the days Wyoming City Schools are in session. Please make every effort to schedule trips, appointments, etc. outside of the school day. Attendance is a key component to students' academic success! [WCS - School Calendar \(24-25\)](#) and [WCS - Printed School Calendar \(24-25\)](#)

WHS Student Handbook:

[WHS Student Handbook \(24-25\)](#)

The Student Handbook will also be shared with students via email and is posted on the [Wyoming City School Website](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Voynovich or Mrs. McMullen.

Thank you and we hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!

Your Proud Wyoming High School Administrative Team,

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